

LOCAL COMMITTEE (EPSOM & EWELL)**DATE: 21ST JULY 2021****LEAD OFFICER: NICK HEALEY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER****SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE****DIVISION: ALL****SUMMARY OF ISSUE(S):**

Officers have worked with Members to agree priorities for this Financial Year's Capital Maintenance programme of carriageways, footways and kerbs.

Preparations are progressing to implement the Kingston Road (Aldi) Puffin Crossing later this Financial Year.

A Traffic Regulation Order is needed to enable the section of Old London Road leading from Tattenham Corner Road to the Top Car Park on Epsom Downs to be closed overnight.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked to:

- (i) Agree the 2021-22 programme of Capital Maintenance schemes, as detailed in Table 2 below, and to authorise the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member to amend this programme as appropriate should unforeseen circumstances arise that would put the programme at risk of delivery (paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 refer);
- (ii) Authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, to advertise a legal notice for a new Puffin Crossing on the A240 Kingston Road, between Aldi on one side of the road and Timbercroft on the other, and to resolve any representations that are received (paragraph 2.5 and Annex A refer);
- (iii) Authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, to advertise a permanent prohibition of traffic order to prevent motor vehicles entering the section of Old London Road between Tattenham Corner Road and the Top Car Park on Epsom Downs overnight, as detailed in Table 3 below, and to resolve any objections that may arise (paragraphs 2.6 and 2.9 refer);
- (vi) Authorise the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s) to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

A programme of capital maintenance schemes needs to be agreed to invest Committee's £217,000 allocation for this purpose. Officers have worked with Members to agree priorities. However, should unforeseen circumstances arise that

might put the programme at risk, the Area Highway Manager needs flexibility to amend the programme as appropriate.

A new Puffin Crossing is due to be implemented this Financial Year 2021-22 on the A240 Kingston Road between Aldi and Timbercroft. Before any new traffic signal controlled crossing is installed, a legal notice is necessary to inform the local community and give opportunity for representations to be made.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) aims to improve the highway network for all users. In general terms it aims to reduce congestion, improve accessibility, reduce the frequency and severity of road casualties, improve the environment, and maintain the network so that it is safe for public use.
- 1.2 The Local Committee in Epsom & Ewell has been delegated Highways budgets to be able to contribute to the objectives set out in Surrey County Council's LTP, according to local priorities.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 Committee's budget allocations for 2021-22 are shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1 Allocations of Committee's 2021-22 budgets

Allocation	Amount
Capital maintenance. For example Local Structural Repair (LSR – large scale patching) of carriageways and / or footways.	£217,000 capital (approx. £43,400 per Division – priorities to be agreed with Divisional Members)
Capital ITS. For implementation of Highway improvement schemes.	£247,000 capital (to be invested in individual schemes)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue maintenance works according to priorities within each Division 	£37,500 £7,500 per Divisional Member.
Total	£501,500

- 2.2 Committee agreed which schemes to promote with its £247,000 for Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS schemes) in March 2021.
- 2.3 Officers have been working with Members to agree priorities for Committee's £217,000 capital maintenance allocation. Table 2 below shows the agreed priorities. These have been selected to ensure so far as is reasonably practicable that an even share of funding will be invested in each Division.
- 2.4 It is recommended that Committee agrees the programme of work shown in Table 2 below, and authorises the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member to amend this programme as appropriate, should unforeseen circumstances arise that puts the delivery of the programme at risk.

Table 2 Capital Maintenance programme for 2021-22

Road (Division)	Location	Comments
Woodcote Side (Epsom Town and Downs)	Epsom	Carriageway – two locations
Townpath – Chadacre Rd to London Rd (Ewell)	Stoneleigh	Relay slabs or replace slabs with asphalt
Cox Lane (West Ewell)	Ewell	Carriageway section
Adrossan Gardens (Ewell Court, Auriol & Cuddington)	Ewell	Verge hardening outside numbers 195-193, 191-189, 187-185, 183-181, 179-177, 175-173
Vale Road (Ewell Court, Auriol & Cuddington)	Ewell	Footway section
Parklawn Avenue (Epsom West)	Epsom	Kerbing reconstruction (section)

- 2.5 One of the schemes in Committee's programme of ITS schemes for 2021-22 is a new Puffin Crossing on the A240 Kingston Road, between Aldi and Timbercroft. Annex A shows the location and layout of the proposed new crossing. Before any controlled crossing can be installed – including traffic signal controlled crossings – a legal notice must be advertised. This enables residents and other road users to make representations in response to the design of the crossing. It is recommended to authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, to advertise the legal notice for the new Puffin Crossing, and to resolve any representations that are received.
- 2.6 In the late 1990s Epsom & Ewell Borough Council approved the advertisement of a prohibition of traffic order for the section of Old London Road that runs between Tattenham Corner Road and the Top Car Park on Epsom Downs. At the time Epsom & Ewell Borough Council was acting as Highway Authority under an agency agreement with Surrey County Council. The prohibition of traffic order was intended to prevent motor vehicles entering this section of Old London Road overnight.
- 2.7 Unfortunately neither Epsom & Ewell Borough Council nor Surrey County Council have any record that the intended prohibition of traffic order was sealed. Nevertheless, Old London Road has been closed overnight since the late 1990s. This is generally accepted by the local community as part and parcel of the operation of the Downs. It is therefore recommended to advertise a prohibition of traffic order to prevent overnight motor vehicle access into Old London Road from Tattenham Corner towards the Top Car park, with the hours of operation and exemptions as detailed in Table 3 below.
- 2.8 The proposed hours of operation have been requested by the Epsom & Walton Downs Conservators following their meeting of 21st June 2021, and would be an extension of the hours that have been operating on the ground since the late 1990s. The report that was considered by the Conservators is available online

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here [Epsom and Ewell Democracy \(epsom-ewell.gov.uk\)](http://epsom-ewell.gov.uk), and includes information about the concerns that the Conservators would like to address in requesting extended hours.

- 2.9 Committee is asked to delegate authority to the Area Highway Manager to progress the legal process in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member and to resolve any representations that are received.

Table 3 Proposed prohibition of traffic order for Old London Road

Time of year	Days of operation	Hours of operation
1 st April to 30 th September	Sunday to Friday	7pm to 12noon (the following day)
	Saturday	7pm to 9:30am (the following day)
1 st October to 31 st March	Sunday to Friday	5pm to 12noon (the following day)
	Saturday	5pm to 9:30am (the following day)
Exemptions		
Anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or in certain circumstances, for example ambulance and fire brigade purposes or the safeguard of life and property.		

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 As described above.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 As described above.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 As described above.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to take account of the needs of all users of the public highway.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The Local Committee prioritises its expenditure according to local priorities.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder as well as improve peoples' perception of crime.

Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	A number of schemes being promoted by the Local Committee are intended to promote sustainable transport.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	A number of schemes being promoted by the Local Committee are intended to promote active travel.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 Recommendations have been made to facilitate the delivery of the 2021-22 capital maintenance programme, a new Puffin Crossing on the A240 Kingston Road, and a prohibition of traffic order in part of Old London Road.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 The Area Team Manager will work with Divisional Members, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to deliver this Financial Year's Divisional Programmes, and to develop next Financial Year's programme of investment.

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Consulted: See above.

Annexes: One.

Sources/background papers: None

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